

### **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 14-22 and 36-44 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 14-16 and 36-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 17-22 and 39-44 are pending for examination with claims 17 and 39 being independent. No new matter has been added.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 17-22 and 39-44.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Office Action rejected claims 14-16 and 36-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Barker et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,675,329 ("Barker"), in view of Baker et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,299,125 ("Baker"). Applicant has canceled claims 14-16 and 36-38.

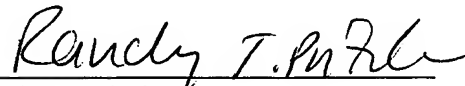
**CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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